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1. SUMMARY. FINAL PERFORMANCE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED. RECEPTION AT BRUCE RESIDENCE FOR ORCHESTRA, CHINESE HOSTS, MUSICIANS AND MFA OFFICIALS CHARACTERIZED BY EFFUSIVE AND SINCERE EXPRESSIONS OF AMITY AND REGARD ON ALL SIDES. SIMILAR ATMOSPHERE AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE FOR SHANGHAI. ENTIRE PEKING VISIT WAS RESOUNDING SUCCESS.

2. FINAL PERFORMANCE SEPTEMBER 17 RECEIVED EXCEPTIONALLY DEMONSTRATIVE APPRECIATION FOR PEKING AUDIENCE. AUDIENCE APPEARED TO INCLUDE MORE OF "THE MASSES" THAN AT PREVIOUS CONCERTS, INCLUDING SPRINKLING OF PLA IN UNIFORM.

3. EVENING RECEPTION AT BRUCE RESIDENCE SEPTEMBER 18 ATTENDED BY ENTIRE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA PLUS ENTOURAGE, USLO STAFF AND LARGE TURNOUT OF PROMINENT CHINESE MUSICIANS, LEADING MEMBERS FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION AND SEVERAL MEMBERS MFA HEADED BY LIN PING. RANKING CHINESE WAS STATE COUNCIL CULTURAL GROUP AND CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER YU HUI-YUNG. ATMOSPHERE WAS THAT OF "OLD FRIENDS" WITH MANY ECHANGES OF MUTUAL ADMIRATION FOR MUSICAL PROFESSIONALISM, EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR CHINESE

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FAMED HOSPITALITY, OF HOW REMARKABLY VISITORS MADE TO

FEEL "AT HOME", ETC.

4. SOME 40 CHINESE, MOSTLY SENIOR MEMBERS OF ABOVE GROUPS, SAW PHILADELPHIA PARTY OFF AT AIRPORT DEPARTURE FOR SHANGHAI 10:00 A.M. SEPTEMBER 19. MR. ORMANDY EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH VISIT, A SENTIMENT APPARENTLY SHARED BY ENTIRE ORCHESTRA AND OFFICIALS. MANY SAID IT WAS HIGHLIGHT OF THEIR CAREER, CHINESE SEEM EQUALLY PLEASED.

5. USLO PERSONNEL STRUCK BY NUMBER OF PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA MEMBERS WHO SPOKE OF HIGH COMPETENCE OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN CHINESE CENTRAL ORCHESTRA.
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